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## HEALTH CARE

### Consideration still needed for hospital site

ALLAN BENNER  
In Port News Staff

WELLAND — It wasn't precisely what Kevin Smith asked for.

Niagara Health System's provincially appointed supervisor had requested that south Niagara mayors and regional Chair Gary Burroughs recommend a single site for a new southern-tier hospital.

Instead, the mayors announced two potential locations on Thursday, leaving the final decision to the communities as well as medical staff.

The two sites the six mayors recommended after five weekly meetings include in Welland at the intersection of Hwy. 140 and East Main St. and in Niagara Falls at the intersection of the QEW and Lyons Creek Rd.

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ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Lakeshore Catholic High School honoured its student athletes of the year at a ceremony Friday morning. Pictured are Coleman Majors, senior male athlete of the year; Cole Scarlett, junior male athlete of the year; Megan Delay, junior female athlete of the year; and Kristina Toppazzini, senior female athlete of the year.

## ATHLETICS

### Golden Gators take a bow

In Port News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — There were plenty of deserving athletes at Lakeshore Catholic High School this year and plenty of awards presented to recognize their achievements.

Lakeshore held its annual awards ceremony Friday morning where Kristina Toppazzini was selected as the school's senior female athlete of the year. The 17-year-old Port Erie resident said she's played with a lot of talented players on the Gators senior girls hockey and girls rugby teams.

Toppazzini, the hockey team's goaltender, said the team had some "pretty good players this year," adding they helped make her job between the pipes a lot easier.

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■ ATHLETICS

# Lakeshore honours students

FROM PAGE 1

She added the school's junior female athlete of the year, Megan Delay, made a huge difference to the team's success as well.

"It was fun this year. The coaches were good."

Despite her achievements, Toppazzini said the award was a big surprise.

"I thought Katie Yallin was going to get it," she said, referring to a fellow senior student and basketball standout who amassed a collection of other awards during the ceremony.

Toppazzini said sports is a big part of her life and she hopes to continue playing hockey when she attends Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., in September to study criminal justice.

Coleman Majors, 2011-12's senior male athlete of the year, called the award an accomplishment, adding that winning it feels good. The 16-year-old from Fort Erie played on the Gators football, basketball and soccer teams, advancing to the Southern Ontario Secondary Schools Association (SOSSA) championships in hockey and soccer.

Majors, who considers hockey his top sport, is returning to an another year at Lakeshore. He remains undecided about where to attend university, but is considering the University of Western Ontario.

Delay said hockey was her top sport, though the 15-year-old Fort Erie resident was sidelined with a broken thumb during the SOSSA tournament.

She said winning the award "feels good."

"It's an achievement."

Cole Scarlett had been involved in just about every sport he could play this year — hockey, soccer and volleyball.

But his top sport is "hockey, by far," added Scarlett who also plays triple A hockey in Niagara Falls Triple A team.

His prowess on those teams earned him the junior male athlete of the year award.

The 15-year-old from Fort Erie resident said he plans to remain involved in sports throughout the rest of his time at Lakeshore, while doing his best to excel academically, too.

## ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

Following are the school and team awards presented Friday at Lakeshore Catholic High Schools athletic assembly:

## SCHOOL AWARDS

Senior, female: Kristina Toppazzini

Senior, male: Cole Majors

Junior, female: Megan Delay

Junior, male: Cole Scarlett

## TEAM AWARDS

Badminton, junior, midge: Jennifer Farnsworth, Alyssa Gooder, Kaylie Mulligan, Austin Russell, most valuable player

Badminton, senior: Jordan Pisarcic, most valuable player

Baseball, junior boys: Gordon Thomas, most dedicated player

Baseball, senior boys: Joshua Kuderlan, most valuable player

Basketball, junior boys: Mac Jones, most valuable player; Shawn Brookes, rookie of the year; Colton Jones, leadership; Owen Porter, Spirit Award

Basketball, junior girls: Paige Montgomery, most valuable player; Jordan Badger, rookie of the year; Rachel Hopkins, most improved player

Basketball, senior boys: Jesse Benson, most valuable player; Austin Weiss, rookie of the year; Josh Oulette, Gator Award, Spirit Award

Basketball, senior girls: Katie Yallin, most valuable player; Alyssa Kramer, rookie of the year; Cory Buccione, leadership

Cross-country, junior: Joey Rossi, most deserving runner

Cross-country, senior: Ashley Moccia, Spirit Award

Curling: Stephanie Brule, most valuable player; Kathryn Corne, most dedicated curler; Maddy Whitwell, Spirit Whitwell

Field lacrosse, boys: Matt Kenny, Wade Kenny,

Dylan Sliter, Spencer Tanguay, most valuable players

Figure skating, junior: Kayla Roberts, Kayla VanMik, Interpretive Award

Figure skating, senior: Christine Huynh, free skate and dance; Hailey Watt, Interpretive and dance

Football, junior: Mackenzie Jones, most valuable player; Colton Jones, rookie of the year; Philip Stratton, most improved player; Quinten Jarrett, Spirit Award

Football, senior: Jesse Willick, defensive most valuable player; Morgan Lavoie, offensive most valuable player; Chris Carver, lineman of the year; Matt Babion, Gator Spirit Award

Golf, boys: Spencer Tanguay, most valuable player

Golf, girls: Tori Sander, most valuable player

Gymnastics: Geena Gambin, Alex Learmonth, Maggie Moore, Amanda Reid, most valuable gymnasts

Hockey, junior boys: Frankie Frank, Brennan Heid, Sawyer Madden, Cole Scarlett, most valuable players

Hockey, junior girls: Megan Delay, rookie of the year; Katie Armstrong, most improved player

Hockey, junior varsity: Riley Quesselle, rookie of the year

Hockey, senior boys: Jesse Pereira, most valuable player; Vidal Squires, leadership; Cole Majors, Unsung Hero Award

Hockey, senior girls: Kristina Toppazzini, most valuable player; Shannon Reid, leadership

Rowing, junior: Michael Brunton, most valuable experienced oarsman; Mikhail Salway, most valuable novice oarsman; Elaine Zamatta, junior oarswoman; Elizabeth Klauack, most improved junior oarswoman

Rowing, senior: Lucas Tefft, senior oarsman of the year; Leah Taylor, senior oarswoman of the year

Rugby, junior girls: Rachel Cochrane, Kyla Deoke,

Megan Delay, Steph Flagg, most valuable players

Rugby, senior girls: Ruby, girls: Jill Chevrier, Korry Garvey, Kristina Toppazzini, Katie Yallin, most valuable players

Solo-pitch, junior girls: Sarah Burd, Spirit Award

Solo-pitch, senior girls: Paige Bernard, most valuable player; Maggie Meyers, leadership

Soccer, junior boys: Philip Mahon, most valuable player; Angel Ramirez, rookie of the year; Josh McMahon, Spirit Award; Sawyer Madden, leadership

Soccer, junior girls: Sam Macsai, Jessica Schulz, most valuable players

Soccer, senior boys: Chris Lille, most valuable player; Nick Cottone, most dedicated player

Soccer, senior girls: Morgan Kerekes, Stefanie Michaud, most valuable players

Swimming, junior: Shawnee Henry, Samantha Mills, Amanda Reid, Elaine Zamatta, most valuable swimmers

Swimming, senior: Alex Bizley, Juliana DiNardi, Connor McCulloch, Megan Turner, most valuable swimmers

Tennis, junior: Stephen Malcolm, Robbie Sherwood, most valuable players

Tennis, senior: Chris Lille, Alex Vanbrussel, most valuable players

Track and field: Shane Harding, most deserving athlete; Jessi Joseph, most dedicated athlete

Volleyball, junior boys: Brendan Hall, most valuable player; Bryce Billard, rookie of the year; Frankie Frank, leadership

Volleyball, junior girls: Geena Gubin, Nicole Perri, Katie Quinn, Jessica Schulz, most valuable players

Volleyball, senior boys: Chris Grey, Perry Mahon, Anthony Massolin, most valuable players

Volleyball, senior girls: Paige Bernard, most valuable player; Mackenzie Kraitsis, Spirit Award; Korry Garvey, Katie Yallin, leadership



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■ **HEALTH CARE**

# South Niagara site options need consideration

FROM PAGE 1

The mayors are also recommending retaining urgent care centres now operating at Port Colborne and Port Erie hospitals. Smith's interim report on restructuring the NHS calls for a single free-standing urgent care centre.

Despite the differences, Smith said Friday he is very pleased with the recommendation from the mayors.

"Our greatest hope was for a unanimous view and we achieved that," he said. "I'm very, very encouraged by the fact that (the mayors) got so far."

Smith, however, said the mayors recommendation to add another south Niagara urgent care centre will need more consideration as well.

He said the health system needs to ensure that the right resources are available and that an additional urgent care centre would complement other primary care resources.

It also needs to be "affordable and staffable," he added. "At the end of the day, one of the challenges the NHS has is we have too many sites in terms of staffing and coverage, cost and infrastructure. Before adding an additional site for urgent care, we'd really want to understand what was the thinking and is there another way to get the same outcome by changing how we look at primary care."

The specifics of the new hospital site, he added, is something that can be determined after he presents his final report to Health Minister Deb Matthews at the end of this month.

"It was a matter of doing what we've been tasked to do, which was to determine whether or not there was a

unanimous position on a the need for a new hospital," said Welland Mayor Barry Sharpe. "Now, it becomes more of a public process. ... It needs a lot more input as we move forward."

Some of that analysis, he added, will be up to NHS and medical staff, while some of it should come from the public.

Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn said the sites decision was arrived at after a very in-depth process, looking at such parameters as distance and travel time, ambulance response, the availability of municipal services. The mayors then reduced a list of six possible locations down to two "sweet spots that make the most sense."

Augustyn said most Pelhamians will likely continue to travel to Welland if the new hospital is built near Hwy. 140 and East Main St., but if it's at Lyons Creek and the QEW, they will likely travel to the new hospital in St. Catharines.

The intersection of Netherby and Montrose Rds., near the borders of Welland, Niagara Falls, Port Erie and Port Colborne, was one of the sites that had been shortlisted, but Sharpe said after researching the site the mayors determined "it isn't as well-positioned in terms of drive times that was suggested, and it's also outside the urban boundaries" of the neighbouring communities.

Sharpe said the recommended locations allow for some flexibility because they are four square kilometres, rather than specific locations.

For instance, the East Main site could actually be as far south as the municipal agency's Enterprise Industrial Subdivision near the intersection of Hwy. 140 and Ridge Rd.

"One of the reasons for



Niagara Health System supervisor Kevin Smith.

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doing that is not to cause people to run out and start buying land on (speculation)," he said.

Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badaway said the mayors, the regional chairman and regional staff members did a great deal of work in a very short time frame to come up with the recommendations.

"Although sometimes it's difficult to not be parochial, we tried to look at it as one south Niagara versus six parcels of south Niagara. With that, we think we made the appropriate recommendation," Badaway said. "This decision is not only for today. It's a decision for tomorrow as well. When we build a new hospital, the expectation is that it's going

to be here for the next 50 to 60 years."

Badaway said the recommendation to retain the existing urgent care centres, including the hospitals they're attached to, "will allow the city to continue to put in place the clinical service plans that we've worked on for the past three or four years."

He said it will allow the community to "continue to offer enhanced primary care services to patients, and when the new site is built, it will inject itself and we expect it to fit seamlessly into aligning the primary care services we're establishing with acute care services that would otherwise be provided in the new hospital."

he said.

Wainfleet Mayor April Jeffs said choosing a hospital site was a struggle for her, because she's concerned that a new hospital may never come to fruition and, secondly, because of unanswered questions regarding the costs of building a new hospital in comparison with the costs of revamping existing sites.

She said Wainfleet council passed a motion very similar to the motion approved by Welland city council earlier this month, asking that services currently offered there including pediatrics and obstetrics be maintained, and that the Welland hospital be considered as a location for a new south Niagara site.

However, she said selecting the two recommended locations for the new hospital was part of the process being followed.

"Although my obvious preference would be East Main and the 140, I felt comfortable with the recommendation of two sites knowing that the recommendation included

UCCs in Port Colborne and Port Erie and that next steps will include extensive public participation and inclusion of municipal councils," she said in an e-mail.

"I think from Wainfleet's perspective, access to timely acute care is first and foremost and that's why if a new hospital is built the location is so crucial," she said. "Primary care is extremely important, however, rural residents for the most part are somewhat accustomed to longer travel times when accessing services — but when it's a matter of life or death it's a completely different story."

While Smith said adding a second urgent care centre might be considered, retaining the full hospitals is not an option.

"To be very honest I couldn't in good conscience say to the minister, invest in this new hospital and by the way keep the old ones operating and also invest in continuing to bring those up to standard,"

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■ ourview

## music to our ears

Leave it to event planners in Port Colborne to come up with an entertainment event during the Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival that is, shall we say – music to our ears.

This is how we are left feeling after reading details of the Sunday afternoon, Aug. 5 music program in the city's Market Square.

It's being described as "an unforgettable mix of modern and traditional Celtic music" and at the same time celebrating the city's marine heritage.

What a line-up that awaits Canal Days attendees in general and music fans in particular.

The Sheridan Band, an Irish-Canadian family renowned for high-energy traditional Celtic music; the Seaside Sailors, who excel in covers, original tunes and storytelling; Liam and the Kitchen Party Band, featuring a 12-year-old fiddling sensation; and the Dole Tinkers, another Canadian-Irish Celtic Band will be in Port for the big event. This concert is commendable because of the variety it brings to the Canal Days agenda, and the change of pace musical entertainment that will await concertgoers.

Canal Days has become well known in Niagara and beyond for its invigorating, something for all ages lineup of events and activities. This high energy program is bound to add to that long-standing record and renowned reputation.

The entire Canal Days celebration has evolved over the years to become one of the premier festivals not only in Niagara but in the province – anyone who disputes that may be doomed to a visit to Davey Jones locker, har har mateys!

The event organizers are also to be commended for moving the entertainment program to Sunday afternoon instead of the evening. Market Square will be closed at night so that everyone in town can enjoy the fireworks extravaganza along historic West Street, over the Welland Canal.

At times, there can be tendency to resort to hyperbole when it comes to touting just how good local events and festivals are. "Bigger and better" are words often heard to describe them. But in the case of Canal Days, when officials say it has evolved into "a must see four-day event", it is not exaggeration. It is on the mark and music to the ears.

### ■ SMALL TOWN GIRL

## There's no better time than now

Shoot for the stars.  
How many goals have you set for yourself every New Year's Eve without actually accomplishing anything on your "Fresh Start" list?

It doesn't have to be January in order to dream of living a better life. Whatever it is you want to change in your life can change now, as long as you work hard.

Something to help you reach your own personal goals is to create a Bucket List that allows you to keep your goals organized and ever-present. Life is too short to live with regret, and there is no better time than now.

Don't worry about being realistic – shoot for the stars. The sky is truly the limit, and no one lives a satisfying life by thinking small. Think outside of the box, be optimistic, and let your imagination run completely wild.

Whether you want to quit smoking,



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CANADIAN GIRL  
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shed those last 20 pounds or try yoga, it's possible. It can even be something more drastic such as learning a new language, backpacking through Europe for a year, or finally writing the novel that you knew was always inside of you. Take a word of advice from Nike and just do it.

Think about what you've always wanted to do but haven't. Then plan how you're actually going to do it. Anything is possible, no matter what age you are. Ask yourself, "If I didn't know how many candles were on my birthday cake, how old would I think I'd be?" It's not about the year you were born, but how old you feel.

One way to look at things is through

the perspective of a child. When you ask someone at the age of four or five what they want to be when they grow up, you can literally see their face light up with excitement. Children do not understand the concept of restriction against opportunity, because they are always told that they can be and do anything they want in the world. So why should you be any different?

This is your wake up call telling you that it's never too late to change your life for the better.

Your life doesn't have to change overnight, but if you're not at your happiest, it does need change at some point, and there is no better time than the present. Taking chances is the key ingredient to satisfaction, and a Bucket List can help you organize your goals.

Just make sure that you write it down on a piece of paper so long that the opportunities never end.

### ■ readers views

#### Milestone event a success

I want to extend a sincere thanks to the members of the Port Colborne/Wainfleet War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee: chairman Brian Heaslip, Geoff Bowden, Don Anger, Virginia Anger, Bonnie Johnston, James van Dillen, Marcia Turner, Dorothy Stantarela, Tami Daoust and Coun. Dave Elliot for all their hard work planning the Memorial Milestone Dedication Ceremony that took place Sunday, June 17 at H.H. Knoll Park.

We would also like to thank the businesses who donated refreshments for the event including Arabella's Tea Room, Eatery, Judy's Bakery, Food Basics, Sobel's and McDonalds.

Lastly, I would like to thank all those who came out to celebrate the dedication with us. The ceremony was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Stephanie Powell Baswick  
Director/Curator

Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum

#### War Amps memoir

I am writing on behalf of the War Amps Operation Legacy, in which members of the Association's Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program help preserve and commemorate Canada's

military heritage by teaching others about the important sacrifices of our fallen soldiers and veterans.

Of the more than 45,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders who gave their lives in the Second World War, 10,000 were in Bomber Command – one of the most dangerous occupations of the war.

On June 28, the Queen will be unveiling the Royal Air Force Bomber Command Memorial in central London, UK. To mark the unveiling, The War Amps is releasing a memoir in its Canadian Military Heritage Series called Grandpa's War in Bomber Command, a personal account of the experiences of the late Jack W. Singer. As well, members of Operation Legacy will be donating copies of the memoir to their local libraries.

Born and raised in Toronto, Singer joined the Royal Canadian Air Force at age 19 and served as a bomb-aimer with No. 9 Squadron, RAF. He wrote this memoir for his grandchildren in 1998, and, following his wish, it is now being made available to a wider audience to help people understand how it really was in World War II.

Grandpa's War in Bomber Command can be purchased at a cost-recovered price of \$15, as well as in conjunction with The War Amps documentary The Boys of Kelvin High, at a special pack-

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## ■ DOGS

# Non-sporting dogs from around the world



Sandie Bingley  
IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

The French Bulldog's ancestors came from the English Bulldog in England. Some of the smallest of English Bulldogs went to France with some of the English lace workers.

In France they were developed into the French Bulldogs that we see today. Besides being much smaller than the English Bulldogs, the Frenchies must have upright ears shaped like "bar" ears. They are very popular today because he is an ideal house pet and adapts well to house or condo living. He has good natured, not nosy, easy to groom, easy to teach house manners and loves city life.

Another breed with a French connection is the Bichon Frise. They began as cute little dogs traded by sailors from countries in the Mediterranean area.

Eventually they became favourites of the French royals. They were also very good companions of the common people. While the rich pampered and perfumed the Bichon Frise, the working class people let them run the streets, taught them tricks, and turned them into circus dogs. They were also companions to the organ grinders who performed in fairs and used these cute dogs as part of their acts.

The Bichon Frise looks very much like a very cute unclipped small poodle with his soft, white fluffy coat. Unless you are prepared to do a lot of grooming or pay to have a groomer trim his coat, often, then this breed is not the breed for you.

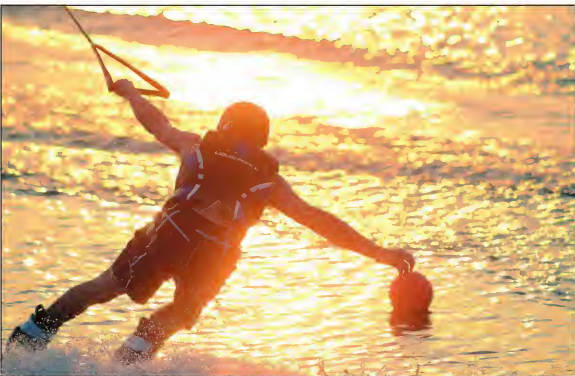
The Keeshond originated in the Netherlands and is known as the Dutch Barge Dog. He served as a companion and watchdog on the barges that went up and down the canals and the Rhine River. They have a stable temperament and are good natured with children. They have a thick coat that needs daily brushing for this medium sized dog to look nice.

The Schipperke is the pride of Belgium. He also was used as a barge dog and his name means "little skipper or little captain".

He looks like a very small black fox without a tail. He is active, smart, good with children, loves to work and play. They are known as "le meilleur chien de maison" or "the best house dog".

Next Time: Non-Sporting dogs of Germany, the U.S. and Croatia

## ■ WAKEBOARDING



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## ■ I'VE BEEN THINKING

## About ways we worship

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That might seem like a strange question for a pastor to ask. Shouldn't it, after all, be self-evident? Do I even need to ask the question "Why do we worship?" And yet, I suspect that if we were to sit down with a diverse group of people who call themselves Christians, we would discover that there are a lot of very different answers to the question. All of them are very sincere and faithful answers, regardless of the fact that almost everyone is convinced that the only right way and right reason to worship is, by sheer coincidence of course, the way and reason that they happen to worship! I started thinking about this question when I heard a portion of the novel "The Color Purple" read aloud.

In the novel, one of the characters says "Folks come to church to share God, not to find God." Right there, in eleven words, you see two different perspectives on what worship is about. Well, since worship is at the heart of what we do as Christians, it's a valid topic. Although we probably have a fair amount of agreement on what we do in worship (not the form, but the content) we may not know why. What are some options?

Some people worship out of duty. They feel a sense of duty to their God to gather together. There's nothing especially wrong with that. There is, after all, a biblical injunction about this: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing," is written

in the Book of Hebrews, and it reminds us both that we should worship, and that we're often sorely tempted not to worship.

Some people worship because they like the rituals. Human beings are creatures of habit; we like things to be at least a little bit predictable. We don't like chaos. There's comfort to be found for many in the natural and understood progression of a "good" worship service: the singing of the songs, the reading of the word, the saying of the prayers, the celebration of the sacraments. Doing these familiar things is for some a reminder that God is a constant; that God doesn't change.

Some people worship noisily, with praise bands and loud music and shouting preachers reminding them of the joy and excitement that accompanies a relationship with God; others worship in quiet contemplation, seeking just a brief word or revelation from God that reminds them of the peace God wants to give us. Some see worship as their acts of service to the world, remembering that "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

Some people worship simply to praise God. Their worship is an act of thanksgiving from beginning to end – with hands and voices raised to the glory of God. Some people worship because they like the sense of community created, as different people use different gifts and talents and needs

join together as one. As the character from *The Color Purple* hinted, some worship to share God, hoping that there's someone present who needs God's presence, and some worship to find God, remembering that since Jesus said "when two or more gather in my name I am among them" then the experience of his presence must be natural to worship.

I think all of those (and there are a lot more) are perfectly good reasons to worship. Too often we judge others who we think worship for the wrong reasons, believing that only our reason for worshipping can possibly be right. I don't think that's what God wants of us. The "why" we worship can have all sorts of different answers. For me, after having thought about all this, the real question isn't "why we worship" but what ultimately happens when we worship. Whatever the reason for joining together, worship should change us in some way. We should always leave as a transformed person. Not perfected, not ideal, but transformed, understanding just a little more of who God is and what God wants from us. The great Christian ethicist John Howard Yoder wrote that "praising God is at the very centre of the Christian church's mandate. When we gather for worship... we are to proclaim the virtues of the one who called us to the light and who made us into the people of God." However and for whatever reason we worship, just by doing so we are rejoicing in our place among the people of God, who has a place for everyone!

## ■ CITY HALL



MARYANNE FIRTH Staff Photo

Construction on the front of Port Colborne city hall is nearing completion. The newly enclosed front entrance, which changed the face of the building, has been under construction since late May and is expected to be completed in July before Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival. Changes to the building were deemed necessary due to flow issues with the design of the former entrance.



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■ **OUTDOOR CLASSROOM:** Students, parents and staff pitch in to build outdoor classroom

## Oakwood students have it made in the shade

ALLAN BENNER  
In Port News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — A shady spot in the front lawn of Oakwood School has given students another reason to get excited about returning to school in September.

With the help of community donations, a \$1,000 grant from the Metro Green Apple fund and some sweat equity from

students and parent volunteers, the school now has an outdoor classroom.

"I love it," said Brooke Bullitz, a member of the school's Green Club, as she sat on one of several large flat rocks that form the seats within the classroom.

She said those rocks were donated to the school for the classroom. Students, parents and school staff spent a Saturday working together

to spread mulch in the area, and plant trees and gardens to finish off the project.

Principal Linda Oakes said there's only a handful of schools that have outdoor classrooms, but it's a growing trend.

"That's how you teach kids to appreciate the environment, by having them out in the environment," she said.

Jacobi Oskam, another

Green Club member, said some of the students have already had a chance to use the new classroom.

She said the school's Grade 1 music class has used it, and another teacher promised to bring students outside for independent reading class before school ends for the year on Thursday.

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ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

Oakwood School Green Club members pictured from left are Emily Baker, Jacobi Oskam, Holly-Ann Kilts and Brooke Bullitz with principal Linda Oakes. They're sitting in the school's new outdoor classroom, built with community donations and some sweat equity from students and parent volunteers.



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## ■ ME TO WE CLUB

# McKay students have a social conscience

## INPORT NEWS STAFF

PORT COLBORNE — A child in a developing country will now have an education thanks to students at McKay School.

After learning about the programs offered by Ten Thousand Villages to help the people of developing countries, the 14 students from

the school's Me to We Club pitched in to help.

As one of several initiatives the students have been involved in this school year, they've been selling popicles to their classmates to raise funds for the organization's Living Gift program. The students managed to sell enough of the frozen treats to raise about \$400 in profit — enough

to pay for a year of education for a child in a developing country with enough left over to help fund additional work being done by Ten Thousand Villages, said Grade 7 and 8 teacher Karen Bonisteel who works with the students from the Me to We Club.

It's an accomplishment the Me to We Club members are proud of.

While helping other children on the other side of the world, the McKay students have also been pitching in to help families in their hometown.

For instance, club members went door to door in costume collecting donations of non-perishable food for Port Cares.

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About 110 students are in the school's Class of 2012.

Lakeshore Catholic High School holds its commencement exercises Friday, June 29 at the Leisure Plex in Fort Erie.

The Class of 2012 has about 260 graduates.

See next week's edition of inPort News for photos from the ceremonies. Photos of the valedictorians and principals will be in the Thursday, July 5 edition of the newspaper. They appeared earlier in our daily newspaper, The Tribune.

## STUDENTS RECYCLE BATTERIES



Port Colborne High School's Volunteer Now Club recently held a battery drive to introduce a battery recycling station at the school. More than 227 kilograms of used batteries were collected and picked up by Raw Materials Company Inc. of Port Colborne for recycling. Some materials in the batteries will be converted into fertilizers. Pictured from left are club members Sarah Potts, Madeline Taylor, teacher Harold Wilkie, club members Samantha Redmond, Michael Postiglione, Anusha Kamesh, Lindsey Riedke, Raw Materials representative Ed Weaver, and club member Kelsi Wikston.

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Only one (1) entry per household will be eligible for a prize.

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## ■ HOT SHOTS

## Summer photo competition

In Port News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - The City of Port Colborne has announced its Summer 2012 Photography Competition.

"The Photo Competition is designed both to showcase our community and to provide an opportunity for visitors and residents to display their photography talents. The winning photographer will have their photo featured and as an added bonus will receive a \$100 gift card," stated Stephen Thompson, General Manager & Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Marketing.

"This summer we really encourage people to experience what Port Colborne

and Niagara's South Coast has to offer," stated Mayor Vance Badawey. "Our beautiful waterfront community will be busy this summer with outdoor activities, and festivals and events. Grab your camera and submit your best photos."

Whether it is festivals and events, or outdoor activities, or Port Colborne landmarks, submit the images that you think best represent summer in Port Colborne.

Be sure to stop by the Visitor Information Centre at 76 Main St. West for up-to-date information on events and activities and to pick up a copy of the 2012-2013 visitor guide, which has lots of great photography ideas in it including:

**Festivals and Events:** watching fireworks light up the sky or enjoying a weekend festival or event;

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**Sunshine/Light:** The golden hours - the first and last hour of sunlight during the day;

**Fun with Friends:** Capture the fun of a day at the beach or fishing along the shore. Some of the best

entries show people enjoying Port Colborne;

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The winning photo will be printed and displayed in City Hall, posted on the Port Colborne website (in low resolution), and in other print marketing produced for the City of Port Colborne. In addition, the winning photographer will receive a \$100 gift card.

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## FLAVOURS OF NIAGARA FOOD, WINE & MUSIC FESTIVAL & CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

JUNE 29, 30, JULY 1, 2012

Niagara food artisans return to Port Colborne for the 6th annual Flavours of Niagara Festival. This unique event features culinary samplings from Niagara's best chefs and caterers, complemented with wines from wineries within the Twenty Valley Tourism Association. Nestled in beautiful HH Knoll-Lakeview Park, the festival features an intimate picnic area accented by a band shell showcasing the finest musicians from around Ontario. Port Colborne continues to be a culinary destination for those seeking an experience filled with great food, wine and entertainment while enjoying the sights and sounds of Niagara's South Coast.

Food and wine vendors include Eljose Authentic

Mexican Food, Smokin' Buddha, Stoney Ridge Estate Winery, Authentic Belgian Waffle Company, Caribbean Flavah, Country Corner Market, and Joe's Meat Market.

Entertainment includes River Junction Band, The Permtones, Wilber James Blues Band, More Bad News & Horns from Hell, Steve Burnside & the Marquis, Silverback and Joney.

Come and celebrate Canada Day Weekend in Port Colborne. The City of Port Colborne will celebrate Canada Day during the Flavours of Niagara festival. There will be a cake cutting in HH Knoll Park at 2 p.m. Also visit the Niagara Antique Power

Association's 40th Annual Heritage Display located at the Learn Heritage Farm, 1957 Wilhelm Road off Hwy #3, Sherkston, Ontario, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily. Enjoy tractor & horse pulls, steam traction engine, blacksmith, live entertainment and Kids' Corner. For further information, 905-562-7461 or www.niagaraantiquepower.org

\*Please note: the CanaFest Car Show at Lock 8 Park will return in 2013.

**Experience Port Colborne – Experience the sights and sounds of Niagara's South Coast!**  
For more information, contact 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca

## COME SEE WHY OVER 65 NEW BOATERS AND COUNTING HAVE CHOSEN SUGARLOAF MARINA AS THEIR MARINA OF CHOICE!

- NEW lower prices keeping boating affordable
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## PLUS... SUGARLOAF MARINA WELCOMES 3 NEW BUSINESSES TO THE HARBOUR - COME RE-DISCOVER SUGARLOAF HARBOUR



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- NEW service provider available weekends by appointment for launch & haul-outs
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- NEWLY renovated restaurant
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- NEW great special events



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- Come try wakeboarding without a boat
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- Special events, summer school, seasonal passes and more

**FISHING**  
444 Walleys  
Tournament with camping in the Park

• NEW Port Colborne Walleys Invitational Tournament - July 28

**SAILING**  
• IMPRESSIVE Lake Erie Interclub Cruise Rendez-vous arrives in Port Colborne June 26

• SOCIALIZING - Home of the Sugarloaf Sailing Club  
• RACING - Sailing races every Wednesday evening

PLUS... Splash Pad in the Park, Mini Golf, Snack Food at the ICE BOX—50's Style Diner...

## CARBOHYDRATE VALLEY EXHIBITED AT TWO INDUSTRY SHOWS



Port Colborne Economic Development General Manager Stephen Thompson discusses opportunities in Port Colborne's bio-food sector with delegates attending the World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology & Bioprocessing.

In May, Economic Development staff promoted Carbohydrate Valley, the City of Port Colborne's bio-food cluster, at the tradeshow portion of the 2012 World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology & Bioprocessing and at the Canadian Institute of Food Science and Technology show at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

As an exhibitor at these events, Port Colborne is able to generate new opportunities for local businesses and to promote new investment opportunities to attendees and delegates. "This is a strategic way to continue building the Carbohydrate Valley brand," said Stephen Thompson, General Manager and Director of Economic Development. "We are able to leverage our presence at these shows, and conduct some very successful meetings

leading to new business relationships resulting in increased attention on Port Colborne as companies learn the benefits that Carbohydrate Valley offers."

### New Video to Promote Carbohydrate Valley

A new video has just been completed which focuses on the unique business and investment opportunities of Port Colborne's bio-food cluster and its Carbohydrate Valley brand. Casco Ltd., Jungbunzlauer Canada and ADM as well as local business operators, plant managers and industry representatives are highlighted.

Thompson explains the importance of this marketing initiative. "Three of Port Colborne's largest employers are part of this sector and many additional local jobs are dependent on this cluster in everything from welding and pipefitting services to construction and maintenance services to warehousing, trucking and logistics service. A key goal is to help these existing companies find new business opportunities which will help them create more jobs in the community. Carbohydrate Valley has a niche in the bio-food sector, as the only location in Canada with local access to corn-sweeteners and citric acid. Plus, Port Colborne has an excellent multi-modal transportation network, excellent education system, large trained workforce and US Border location. This video is a strategic tool in delivering this message to a wide audience while giving them a strong sense of what Port Colborne can offer."

Produced by Niagara-based Omni Media Productions Ltd., the video is available online at [www.carbohydratevalley.ca](http://www.carbohydratevalley.ca).



## SNCFDC is here for businesses



**South Niagara**

Community Futures Development Corporation

The South Niagara Community Futures Development Corporation (SNCFDC) has been supporting small to medium sized enterprises in Port Colborne and area since 1986. The SNCFDC is a community-based, not-for-profit organization, run by a board of local volunteers and staffed by professionals who encourage entrepreneurship and the pursuit of economic opportunities.

Funded through the Government of Canada's Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario, the SNCFDC provides small business loans up to \$150,000 to qualifying applicants for start-up, maintenance or expansion. Small business loan applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis, and staff will provide guidance through the application process. SNCFDC can also provide referrals to other funding sources, including the Business Development Bank of Canada and the Niagara Angel Network.

SNCFDC staff also offers advice and support with services focused on strategic community planning and socio-economic development; support for community-based projects; business services and access to capital. SNCFDC is active throughout Port Colborne, Wainfleet, Port Erie, and Niagara Falls.

For more information on services or to make an application, stop by SNCFDC's offices located on the 2nd floor of 198 Welland Street, Port Colborne, call 905-834-2173 x. 23, or visit [www.southniagara.com](http://www.southniagara.com).

## SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR PROGRAMS GROW PORT COLBORNE'S LABOUR FORCE

Port Colborne's secondary schools are training the next generation of workers for Port Colborne's labour force. Thanks to the successful Specialist High Skills Major programs offered at both Port Colborne High School and Lakeshore Catholic High School, students are gaining skills that are in demand with local employers.

The Specialist High Skills Major programs have become quite popular with schools, students, and employers over the past few years. These programs allow students to concentrate in specific fields of study while completing the regular secondary school curriculum. As part of the Specialist High Skills Major program, students are required to complete extra courses and assignments, allowing them to graduate with value-added skills. Examples included health and safety training and WHMIS certification, both of which are crucial for working in the manufacturing sector.

Port Colborne High School's Specialist High Skills Major Program in Manufacturing has strategic partnerships with Port Colborne's fabricated metals and machining sector, giving students further advantages in their education. Companies such as Thurston Machine Co., J. Oskam Steel Fabricators, Allied Marine & Industrial, and JTL Machine have provided training

opportunities for students, giving practical work experience through participation in large-scale industrial projects. Several students have even been successful in gaining employment with these companies upon completion of secondary school. The success of the manufacturing program has even come to the attention of several companies from Western New York, one of which was in Port Colborne recently to learn more about Specialist High Skills Majors.

Nigel Evans, principal at Port Colborne High School speaks of the program's unique strengths. "Our manufacturing program has achieved national and international recognition as a result of the fantastic partnership that exists between Port Colborne High School and the local business community. Companies provide the time, materials and work experience opportunities that give our students an undoubted competitive advantage when it comes to employment."

Port Colborne High School also offers Specialist High Skills Major programs in Transportation Technology and Arts & Culture, and is completing a proposal for new Specialist High Skills Major program in Health & Wellness. Lakeshore Catholic High School offers eight Specialist High Skills Major programs, training students in Construction, Transportation, Hospitality

& Tourism, Horticulture & Landscaping, Energy, Environment, Justice & Community Services and Arts & Culture.

Stephen Thompson, General Manager and Director of Economic Development for the City of Port Colborne says that these programs are giving Port Colborne a competitive advantage for attracting and retaining businesses in Port Colborne. "When it comes to expansion, companies are increasingly looking at the availability of skilled workers. A suitable labourforce is among the top considerations of businesses when they are choosing a location to expand their business. Demonstrating that Port Colborne's secondary school graduates are developing the skills to enter directly into the labour force, with the skills and certifications that employers want, has been very helpful. Both Port Colborne High School and Lakeshore Catholic High School are recognized for the leadership they have shown through designing these successful Specialist High Skills Major programs."

More information is available at each school's website: [www.lakeshorecatholichighschool.ca](http://www.lakeshorecatholichighschool.ca) and [www.porthigh.dsb.on](http://www.porthigh.dsb.on).



## CITY'S SENIORS ADVISORY COUNCIL LAUNCHES INFORMATION & SERVICES GUIDE

A new Information & Services Guide is now available to Port Colborne seniors through the Seniors Advisory Council. Acting as a quick reference for seniors, this Information & Services Guide lists organization names and contact information for various community programs and services including senior centres, services, programs and care facilities in Port Colborne and the Niagara Region.

Copies of this Information & Services Guide are available at the Community Services Office at Roselawn, City Hall, Library, and Senior Centres. Committee members will also be at the Market the month of June distributing these guides while promoting Senior Month.

In 2009 the City of Port Colborne established the Seniors Advisory Council. The purpose of the committee is to advise City Council of issues and concerns of senior citizens, ways the City can become more age friendly and to identify opportunities to establish policies and procedures that support senior citizens to live in a safe, secure and healthy environment and encourage them to participate fully in the life of their community.

Issues the committee has followed this year include housing for low income seniors and families, employment opportunities, supportive home care for frail seniors, health and wellness and transportation.

Members have also worked towards educating themselves on existing programs, services and local developments as they affect seniors. City staff Stephen Thompson (Community Development and Tourism) and Daniel Aquilina of the Planning Department met with the committee as did Lori Kleinsmith of Bridges Community Health Centre and Lynda Reinhardt of Port Cars. Members have also joined and/or visited the local Seniors Centres, Friends over 55 and the French Golden Age Club (Le Centre polyvalent des aînés francophones de Port Colborne).

The Seniors Advisory Council is comprised of Keith Walker (Chair), Richard Moore (Vice-Chair), Maggie Wahl-Horne, Dorothy Santarella, Louise Beaudoin, Councillor Angie Desmarais and Councillor Vyon Doucet, along with staff liaisons Gary McKinn (Manager of Community Services) and Michelle Idzenga (Admin. Assistant to Manager of Community Services).

Interested in being a part of the Seniors Advisory Council? The Committee is currently recruiting new members. Members must be 55 years or older and reside in the City of Port Colborne. The Committee meets the third Thursday of every month at City Hall. If you would like to become a part of this committee please submit a letter of intent to Ashley Grigg, City Clerk, at City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street.

For more information about the Seniors Advisory Council, please contact:  
Michelle Idzenga • michelldzeng@portcolborne.ca • 905-834-1668 x. 532

## VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES FIRST PORT COLBORNE AMBASSADORS

On Wednesday, May 16, 2012 the City of Port Colborne's Volunteer Committee hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Canadian Italian Hall. The theme for the night was "Our Volunteers Grow With Us" and was an opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have contributed to the City over the years. At this dinner Councillor Angie Desmarais announced a new initiative the Volunteer Committee is embarking on - the Port Colborne Ambassadors.

"The Volunteer Committee is hard at work building a team of energetic, knowledgeable volunteers who are ready, willing and able to show off their favourite parts of our City," commented Councillor Desmarais. "An ambassador has the opportunity to make someone's visit to Port Colborne special and unique. Their responsibilities can include meeting a visitor, providing an overview of the city or transit system, sharing knowledge of the city and its history and most importantly, smiling."

The first Ambassadors for the City of Port Colborne are:

- Gary Hoyle • Sharon Leavere • Jeanette Toscher
- Souzy Brunet-Rankin • Yvonne Yates
- Mary Ann & Mike Feagan • Marge McVoy
- Sue Brown • Patti Sterling • Richard Moore
- Gail Simon • Larry Butters
- Nancy & Dave Savage • Gary Bruno
- Tom Lannan • Cindy & Dave Thorpe



Ambassadors Present - left to right: Sue Brown, Richard Moore, Marge McVoy, Jeanette Toscher, Yvonne Yates, Sharon Leavere, Gary Hoyle, Souzy Brunet-Rankin and Councillor Angie Desmarais.

Keep your eyes peeled for an Ambassador around the City and don't be afraid to ask them a question!

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Applications are still being accepted for Canal Days. Applications can be found at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca) or at the Community Services Office, 296 Fielden Avenue.

For more information about the Ambassador Program or volunteer for the City, please contact Michelle Idzenga, Administrative Assistant to Manager of Community Services at 905-834-1668 x. 532 or [michelldzeng@portcolborne.ca](mailto:michelldzeng@portcolborne.ca).

## PORT COLBORNE HISTORICAL & MARINE MUSEUM UPDATE

### Travelling Exhibits Come to Your Museum

Here now, The Museum is hosting a travelling exhibit by Jordan Heritage Resources. "Dressed to Impress" showcases the evolution of women's fashion between 1812 and 1912. See the richness of the fabrics and the craftsmanship of the unique and well preserved heritage gowns and accessories. This century of fashion exhibit is on display until October. Don't miss it! Museum open 12 - 5 p.m. daily, free admission.

Coming soon: The Royal Ontario Museum's STARLAB will be arriving at the Museum in time for Canal Days - August 4, and will be available for tours the following week. This inflatable planetarium will provide an opportunity for star gazers of all ages to learn about constellations, planets and marine navigation.

### Archives Update

Things have been busy at the L.R. Wilson Heritage Research Archives over the last several months! We hosted the Grade 12 Local History class from Lakeshore Catholic High School. They learned about the process of exhibit development and saw a demonstration of some basic artifact conservation techniques. We also provided a "behind the scenes" peek of the first floor of the Heritage Research Centre and the vault at the Archives.

One of the projects the students have to do as part of their class is to research a World War One veteran from Port Colborne. Museum staff showed the students how to use the resources at the Archives to complete their projects. Many students were eager to look through our resources to get started on their projects as well as the house research and genealogical projects they have to complete.

With the bicentennial commemorations of the War of 1812, we have had an increase in visitors and researchers who are interested in the war, especially family connections.

Later this year, the Archives will be offering a tour of a local cemetery, with the help of two volunteers, research has begun on the project.

We hope to add more tours as time goes on. The tours will combine local history with cultural and social history. Stay tuned for more information on the cemetery tours!

### Everything Stops for Tea

For anyone who has walked the grounds of the Port Colborne Historical &

Marine Museum, you know that there is something special about a place that promotes local history. It adds character to our city and depth to our collective identity. Among the buildings located on the property is one that I would consider to be something of a hidden gem for those who have been fortunate enough to spend an afternoon there. Every afternoon from June to September guests can be swept away by the Edwardian spirit and get caught up in one of the traditions of the era; Afternoon Tea. On Friday, June 1, 2012 Arabella's Tea Room officially opened its doors for another season to the delight of many.

Built in 1915, the house that now serves as the Tea Room provides the perfect setting for a gathering, making guests feel as if they are spending the afternoon at the house of a friend.

Arabella's Tea Room owes its success and authenticity to the dedication of some volunteers who oversee its operation. Every detail from the freshly cut flowers, period clothing and service of homemade biscuits are tended to by this remarkable group of women.

The best part of Arabella's Tea Room is the interactive experience it provides. At once you feel as though you have been transported in time and invited to take part in a social experience somewhat lost in today's fast-paced, "coffee-on-the-go" world. You will not find paper cups or grab'n'go snacks. Instead, you will find a charming, relaxing and inviting parlour and fresh treats. Tea was traditionally a time to talk, catch up with friends and socialize with neighbours; an experience Arabella's has recreated.

There is something truly unique about Arabella's Tea Room. Step past the white-washed fence, enjoy freshly baked biscuits and reconnect with the past while taking in a traditional afternoon Edwardian Tea. Arabella's Tea Room is open daily from 2 - 4 p.m.

There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea."  
- Henry James "The Portrait of a Lady"



## MANAGING NUISANCE ALARMS

A nuisance alarm is when a smoke alarm accidentally activates, generally due to cooking activities or steam from the shower. Unfortunately, people often respond to nuisance alarms by removing the battery from the alarm or shutting off the circuit breaker. This is a very bad idea. Not only is it against the law, it may leave your home and your family at serious risk if a fire occurs. Fortunately, there are some very effective ways to address the problem of nuisance alarms. Follow the suggestions below until you find the ones that work for you.

### Tips to combat the problem

The most common cause of nuisance alarms is cooking. Therefore, the first step is to minimize the problem at the source by keeping ovens and burners clean, and by turning down the timer setting on toasters. Using the fan on the range hood when cooking can also help to remove combustion particles from the air. If this fails to produce the desired results, there are other solutions to consider.

### Install smoke alarms with a pause feature

For anyone experiencing nuisance alarms, a smoke alarm with a pause or hush feature is a must. These alarms have a button which, when pressed, silences the unit for several minutes. The alarm will then re-set itself automatically. It is highly recommended that any new smoke alarms purchased include this feature.

### Move the alarm

Sometimes the solution to frequent nuisance alarms is as simple as moving the alarm to a different location. If at all possible, avoid having a smoke alarm in the cooking area. Moving an alarm from the kitchen to the hallway could solve your problem. Another option is to move the alarm from the ceiling to the wall. The alarm should be installed no less than 10 cm and no more than 30 cm from the ceiling and should be located away from corners.

### Try Alternative Technology

Smoke alarms commonly use one of two technologies to detect smoke: ionization or photoelectric. By understanding how each works you can make a more informed decision as to what suits your needs. **Ionization-type** smoke alarms have a small amount of radioactive material that ionizes the air between two electrically charged plates, causing a measurable current to flow between the plates. When smoke enters the chamber, it disrupts the flow of current, which activates the alarm. Ionization alarms respond slightly faster to flaming-type fires.

**Photoelectric-type alarms** work by aiming a light source into a sensing chamber at an angle away from the sensor. Smoke entering the chamber reflects light onto the sensor which triggers the alarm. Photoelectric alarms respond slightly faster to smoldering type fires.

Note: It is generally recommended that any alarms installed near the kitchen be of the photoelectric type.



## CARBON MONOXIDE



### KEEPING SAFE FROM THE "SILENT KILLER"

The following information is provided by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA). For more information about carbon monoxide safety, visit their website at [www.tssa.org](http://www.tssa.org), or contact Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services.

What is Carbon Monoxide? Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, tasteless and toxic gas and is often referred to as the "silent killer". When inhaled it inhibits the blood's capacity to transport oxygen throughout the body. It can poison the body quickly in high concentrations, or slowly over long periods of time.

What are the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning? Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, dizziness, burning eyes, confusion, drowsiness or loss of consciousness. In severe cases, CO poisoning can cause brain damage and death. The elderly, children and people with heart or respiratory conditions may be particularly sensitive to CO. What are some danger signs? You or other members of your family have symptoms of CO exposure (see above).

You notice a sharp, penetrating odour or smell of gas when your furnace or other fuel-burning equipment turns on. The air is stale or stuffy. The pilot light of your furnace or other fuel-burning equipment goes out. Chalky white powder forms on the chimney/exhaust vent pipe or soot build-up occurs around the exhaust vent.

If you suspect carbon monoxide in your home...

**GET OUT OF YOUR HOUSE AND  
CALL 911**

Where should a CO alarm be located in the home? Proper placement of a CO alarm is important. In general, the human body is most vulnerable to the effects of CO during sleeping hours, so an alarm should be located in or as near as possible to the sleeping area of the home.

Any questions, please contact Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services 905-834-4512

Contact Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services for additional information and/or clarification.

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – 905-834-4512



## COTTAGE FIRE SAFETY TIPS

To minimize the risk of fire and burn injury, Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Service recommends the following cottage fire safety tips:

- Install smoke alarms on every story and outside all sleeping areas. It's the law for all Ontario homes, cottages, cabins and seasonal homes to have working smoke alarms on every story and outside all sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly or each time you return to the cottage. Pack a new smoke alarm and extra smoke alarm batteries in case they need replacement.
- Install and ensure carbon monoxide alarms in your cottage if it has a fuel-burning appliance.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan to ensure everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Know the telephone number for the local fire department and your cottage's emergency sign number, in case of emergency.
- Clean barbecues before using them. Keep an eye on lit barbecues and ensure all combustibles, as well as children and pets are kept well away from them. Fires can happen when barbecues are left unattended.
- Keep barbecue lighters and matches out of sight and reach of children.
- Remember to bring a flashlight with extra batteries.
- Check heating appliances and chimneys before using them.
- Check with your local fire department, municipality, or Ministry of Natural Resources to determine whether

- open air burning is permitted before having a fireplace or burning brush. If open burning is allowed, fires should be built on bare soil or on exposed rock. Remove leaves and twigs from around the fire to keep it from spreading. Always keep a bucket of water, sand, or even a shovel close by and supervise the fire at all times.
- If you must smoke, do so outside. Keep a large can with water nearby so cigarette butts can be safely discarded. If you drink, do so responsibly. Tobacco use and excessive alcohol consumption are contributing factors in many fires and can lead to serious injuries.
- Burn candles in sturdy candleholders that will not tip and are covered with a glass shade. When you go out, blow out!

## SHOWBOAT'S 26TH SUMMER SEASON IN 2012



**They're Playing Our Song Book By Neil Simon**

Music By Marvin Hamlisch, Lyrics By Carole Bayer Sager • June 14-30

A wisecracking composer finds a new upbeat lyricist, but initially the match is not one made in heaven. The two undergo a series of trials and overcome a number of hurdles before finding true love by the final curtain.

NOT Recommended For Children Under 14-Mature Content

**Old Love**

A Comedy by Norm Foster • July 5-21

He's recently divorced. She's newly-widowed. After her husband's funeral, an old acquaintance emerges to pay his respects, leading to a re-awakening of forgotten emotions. Old Love is a story of romance, courtship and relationships between older adults, penned by Norm Foster, the author of Showboat his like The Foursons, Looking, The Love List, Sitting Pretty and many more.

NOT Recommended For Children Under 14-Mature Content

**Old Love**

by Norm Foster

**POPI Goes The Sixties**

A Musical Celebration Of The Pop Music Of The 1960s

Conceived by Thom Currie • July 26-August 11

An ex-hippie couple and their adult children go through the mega hits of the sixties in this brand new show from the creative team behind the Showboat Festival his Back In '59 and Mama's Country Record Collection. A fun and far out celebration of the top hits of the 1960s, one of pop music's greatest decades, featuring the music of Petula Clark, The Monkees, Neil Diamond, The Archies, The Lovin' Spoonful, Ray Charles, The Byrds, Dusty Springfield and many many more.

NOT Recommended For Children Under 14

**Last of the Red Hot Lovers**

A Comedy by Neil Simon • August 16-September 1

Middle-aged and married, overworked and overweight, Barney Cashman wants to join the sexual revolution before it's too late and arranges three seductions: the first, Elaine Navazio proves to be a foul-mouthed bundle of neuroses, Bobbi Michele is next, a 20-ish actress who's too kooky by half; finally comes September and Jeannette Fisher, a gloomy, depressed housewife who happens to be married to Barney's best friend.

NOT Recommended For Children Under 14-Mature Content



**SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION**  
Roselawn Centre, 296 Fielden Avenue, Port Colborne, ON L3K 4T6  
Box Office 905-834-0833 • www.showboattheatre.ca

## CANAL DAYS MARINE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

### AUGUST 3, 4, 5, 6, 2012

A celebration of our community's Marine Heritage along the shores of Niagara's South Coast! Every August holiday weekend, the tall ships gather in Port Colborne for a four-day celebration of history and heritage. Explore the decks, try your hand at the wheel, or feel the spray as you cruise Lake Erie on a tall ship. Nestled at the junction of the Welland Canal and the Lake Erie north shore, Port Colborne is a working marine community with rich nautical history and welcoming hospitality. At the height of summer, the entire city takes time to celebrate the reasons why our picturesque city has grown and prospered - our marine heritage and our connection to the St. Lawrence Seaway and the seafaring world at large.



Canal Days encompasses the entire community, with activities at a dozen different venues: HH Knoll-Lakeview Park is host to Ontario's largest outdoor classic car and kite show. The Seaway Park children's area has games, entertainment, and kid's activities throughout the weekend. At the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum, the history of the Welland Canal is on display and heritage artisans can be seen working their trades. Festival guests can ride the free Canal Days shuttle to the West Side arena for an indoor craft show, or the Garden Swing Jazz event at the Roselawn Centre. Festival food and shopping kiosks fill downtown, and the Market Square concert venue features top-notch entertainment throughout the weekend including The Trews headlining Friday night, David Wilcox and Sloan on Saturday evening and a Celtic afternoon on the main stage including 13 year old fiddling sensation, Liam McGlashan and his Kitchen Party Band. Relax on Monday afternoon with Sister Act and a Margaritaville band.

Last year, more than 300,000 people visited the festival over four days. Friends, families, and former residents return and reminisce, and Canal Days continues to grow by bounds. An ever changing roster of activities has repeatedly redefined Canal Days, and as the festival moves into its fourth decade, that growth will continue as the festival builds again. A source of great community pride and the countless local volunteers who work tirelessly over 4 days make this event Niagara's premier summer festival.

**Experience Port Colborne - Experience the sights and sounds of Niagara's South Coast!**

For more information, contact 905-834-1668, 1-888-PORT-FUN, www.portcolborne.ca

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Are you, or someone you know, celebrating a special birthday or anniversary? Mark this occasion with a special certificate from the Mayor's Office, as well as certificates from the Federal, Provincial and Regional Governments.

Contact us at 905-835-2901 x.301 or email nancygiles@portcolborne.ca. We will forward your requests to the other levels of government.

## BEACH SEASON HAS ARRIVED!

Nickel Beach continues to be a premier destination for safe, family fun on the shores of Lake Erie. Explore sand dunes and the Carolinian forest, search for the Fowler's Toad, a protected species indigenous to our area.

Located at the southern end of Welland Street at Lake Road, Nickel Beach offers approximately one kilometre of clean, sandy shoreline, public washrooms and a vehicle free area for safe recreation. Open 365 days a year for FREE pedestrian access, Nickel Beach is open for vehicle parking weekends in June and will open for 7 day operation (weather permitting) on Friday, June 22 until Monday, September 3, 2012, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. A small parking lot is available for guests, space permitting, outside the entrance gates. A parking fee of \$10 will be collected at the gate.

Please note that there is no alcohol and no dogs policy on the beach, for the safety and enjoyment of all guests. Coolers, bags and vehicles will be inspected and entry will not be permitted if alcohol and/or dogs are found.

The Niagara Region Public Health Department runs water quality tests each day, and signs are posted for guests' information if the Niagara Region's Public Health Department determines the bacteria levels in the water may cause illness or infection. This information will be posted at the gates of the Beach as well as on the vehicle barrier. The status of Niagara Region beaches can be found at [http://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health\\_wellness/beaches/default.aspx](http://www.niagararegion.ca/living/health_wellness/beaches/default.aspx) or by calling the Niagara Region Beach Hotline at 905-688-8248 x.7789 or 1-888-505-6074 x.7789.

Season's passes are also available for purchase at the beach; residents can purchase a season's pass for \$100 and senior residents can visit the beach as often as they would like by purchasing a senior's season pass for \$75. Those not from Port Colborne can purchase a seasons pass for \$125, and non-resident seniors may purchase a pass for \$100.

**Experience Nickel Beach! Experience Niagara's South Coast!**

In approximately 5% per cent of fireable home fire situations there is no smoke alarm warning.

Remember this is your life. Don't take chances.



**Shop smart:**

Find out what type of alarms suit your needs and the best areas of your home to install them to conquer nuisance alarms forever.



For Credit Card Payments, please visit [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Business Logo

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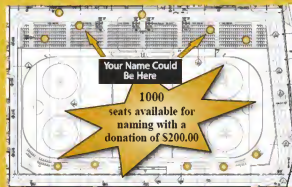
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For more information, please visit [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca) or contact Community Services at 905-834-1668

## THE GREAT SEAT SALE



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Income tax receipts will be issued  
Please print neatly the engraving requested in capital letters for your plaque.

\*The City of Port Colborne has the right to approve all messages  
(40 characters maximum)

## DONOR WALL RECOGNITION

General Donation to the Vale Health & Wellness Centre can be made at City Hall. Your name/organization will be placed on a donor



## VALE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTRE CREATES COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE IN PORT COLBORNE

### STAFF WRITER –

#### The Ontario Construction Report

The new \$32 million Vale Health and Wellness Centre in Port Colborne creates a community hub for physical activity, where people can gather for activities and events. Les Camm, Senior Project Manager with MHPM Project Managers Inc., says his company started working on the 144,000 sq. ft. project in 2009 with meetings and consultations with the City's advisory committee, including municipal councillors, volunteers and staff. "In the end the success of this project will be to a large degree, due to the efforts of this committee whose members were open-minded, thorough and tireless in their efforts to have the best facility possible for the community."

MJM Architects Inc. designed the building to replace three stand-alone facilities, all in need of upgrading and maintenance. In April 2011, Aquicon Construction Co. Ltd. was awarded the construction contract for the new facility.

The project includes a recreational NHL-sized rink with seating for 200, another NHL-sized spectator rink with seating for 1,000, a six-lane 25 m. pool and a leisure and therapy pool. "The facility also includes a double gymnasium which can be used for sports programming or large assembly gatherings, a walking track around the perimeter of the spectator area, a fitness area and all the administrative support spaces," says Camm.

"The designers incorporated plenty of glazing," he said. "You walk into the main entrance and to the left you can see into the pool area, to the right you can see into the gym and to the extreme right you can see the first of the rinks," says Camm. "Not only does this design let in a lot of natural light but it is open and exciting and immediately apparent where everything is."

"The City will operate the arenas, while the YMCA through a partnership arrangement will co-ordinate programming for the pool, gymnasium and fitness areas. The site also includes six bocce courts providing space for the local bocce club, which formerly occupied the site. "The new centre sits directly where the old bocce courts were located for many years so the city agreed to incorporate space within the facility for the new club to be established," says Camm.

The main entrance, across from the customer service desk will greet arriving visitors, while a second entrance further west gives regular rink users a more direct access to the change areas without adding to traffic at the building's front.

The open concept and natural light make the facility bright but achieving this was not without challenges. "Natural light is great except in the pool area where it can create a glare impacting the lifeguards' vision, and in the rink, where the same kind of thing interferes with visibility," says Camm. "The solution for us was the careful placement of windows and the use of Kalwall, which diffuses the light."

The project has been designed to achieve LEED Silver certification with, among other features, such items as improved insulation, heat recovery from the refrigeration system, efficient heating and cooling, high albedo ("white") roofing, drought resistant landscaping, construction waste management, low VOC coatings, green guard furniture and locally sourced materials. "We'll also be looking for additional points for the use of environmentally friendly cleaning products and practices as well as waste recycling," says Camm.

Outside, the centre has a very modern look which will make it stand out as a place of interest and attraction. "This is referred to as a pre-engineered structure but the architects added a unique appearance through the use of interesting materials and shapes which improve the views and elevations," says Camm. "The exterior is mainly white with a metal skin and it has windows on most elevations. The added interest of the Kalwall; and phenolic, multi-colored cladding on some elevations gives the building a look of canvas dotted with splashes of colour."

The project is expected to be substantially complete by the end of October. Federal and provincial governments contributed a total of \$17 million. Vale contributed \$12.5 million of the overall \$32 million investment, earning the company naming rights.

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*View from the main lobby south into the spectator rink*



*Large canopy extends around the main entrance to protect visitors from the elements*



*Artist's rendering of the pool lobby*

## Rural Medicine Week 2012

Once again, Port Colborne hosted 5 learners from the University of Ottawa. It was a fun-filled week of community events, clinical placement with our dedicated medical community and a taste of practicing medicine in a vibrant community. Thanks to our many community partners for opening your doors and sharing your valuable time and resources to welcome these future physicians.



Dr. Jeff Whitehall, with Medical students Jemy Joseph and Arthur Ching at Northland Pointe



University of Ottawa Medical Student Stephen Bignucolo



Rural Ontario Medicine Program.



## Join the South Niagara Health Care Corporation!

By becoming a member of the South Niagara Health Care Corporation, you will have a unique opportunity to become educated by our own local health care providers. The opportunity to ask questions and understand the new health care initiatives that are taking place is important for each and every one of us if we want to be a healthier community. Memberships are only \$10 per year, or \$25 per family. Applications are available on-line and at City Hall. For more information contact Joanne Ferracoli at 905-835-2900 x. 130.



## South Niagara Health Care Corporation

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Sign up to support the continuing efforts to preserve and advance health care in South Niagara

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	Last Name	First Name
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	Primary Address of Residence	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mx.	Mailing Address:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr.	City:	Province: Postal Code:

Telephone 1: ( )      Fax: ( )  
Telephone 2: ( )      Email:

Please check the method by which you prefer to receive communication from the South Niagara Health Care Inc.:

☐ Mail ☐ Email ☐ Fax ☐ None

Signature:	Date (year, month, day)	Membership Type <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$10) <input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$25)
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## InterProfessional Care Pilot Project Update

As the project approaches the one year mark we are pleased and proud to announce the following updates thus far. While we have a lot of work to accomplish to meet our mandates, we have worked together to align and collaborate on many medical projects.

- Physician lead hired: Dr. Jeff Remington
- Community Care Access Centre Case manager assigned to all practice providers in Port Colborne, the first such initiative in a non-Family Health Team (FHT) model of practice.
- A screening tool to identify high risk / frail seniors has been developed and implemented by the Local Health Integration Network for use at all clinics in Port Colborne.
- Initial project development of a Dementia screening program, again, first such screening program in a non-FHT model of practice.
- Diabetes Mellitus Education Programs working group established to improve access, quality and efficiency of Diabetic Education programming.
- Initial consultation for inter-connectivity of the virtual FHT. Clinical Connect has been successfully implemented in the largest clinic in Port Colborne, a Family Health Organization practice model.
- Governance; through a not for profit corporation; the South Niagara Health Care Corporation.

- Physician engagement with more learners being placed in Port Colborne for clinical rotations and preceptor participation in Rural Ontario Medical Program, Rural Medicine Week at an all time high of 70%.
- Discussion with another community (Grimsby) to collaborate with the pilot project.

These projects are already optimizing workplace satisfaction for all physicians and the virtual FHT model is expected to show an excellent management of resources with improved health outcomes and better satisfaction for patient navigation.

Other programs and service delivery of such programs are being vetted by the stakeholders to improve access, quality and efficiency, to ensure maximum utilization, avoid duplication and improve health promotion to the patients in the City of Port Colborne.



## Summer 2012 Photography Competition Announced

The City of Port Colborne has announced its Summer 2012 Photography Competition. "The Photo Competition is designed both to showcase our community and to provide an opportunity for visitors and residents to display their photography talents. The winning photographer will have their photo featured and as an added bonus will receive a \$100 gift card" stated Stephen Thompson, General Manager & Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Marketing.

"This summer we really encourage people to experience what Port Colborne and Niagara's South Coast has to offer" stated Mayor Vance Badawey. "Our beautiful waterfront community will be busy this summer with outdoor activities, and festivals and events. Grab your camera and submit your best photos".

Whether it is festivals and events, or outdoor activities, or Port Colborne landmarks, submit the images that you think are the best representing summer in Port Colborne.

Be sure to stop by the Visitor Information Centre at 76 Main Street West for up-to-date information on events and activities and to pick up a copy of the 2012-2013 visitor guide which has lots of great photography ideas in it including:

- Festivals and Events: watching fireworks light up the sky or enjoying a weekend festival or event.
- Refreshing: Outdoor activities – boating, fishing, swimming, cycling, hiking, sight watching.
- Summer Treats – Images of loved ones enjoying cool summer treats like ice cream and popsicles or your family enjoying the delicious fruits and vegetables in season at the farmer's market.
- Sunshine/Light – The golden hours – the first and last hour of sunlight during the day
- Fun with Friends – Capture the fun of a day at the beach or fishing along the shore. Some of the best entries show people enjoying Port Colborne
- Your favourite scenery in Port Colborne.

The winning photo will be printed and displayed in City Hall, featured in the "City Hall News" insert in the InPort News, posted on the Port Colborne website (in low resolution), and in other print marketing produced for the City of Port Colborne. In addition to this recognition, the winning photographer will receive a \$100 gift card.

Submit up to 5 high-resolution digital photos by September 21 to either:

- 296 Fielden Ave (Roselawn Centre) Attention Tourism Coordinator
- 66 Charlotte Street (City Hall) Attention Tourism Coordinator
- or by e-mail to tourism@portcolborne.ca

Be sure to include your signed entry form with your submission.

Complete contest rules, information and entry forms are posted on the City of Port Colborne website at [www.portcolborne.ca/page/photo\\_contest](http://www.portcolborne.ca/page/photo_contest)

For more information please contact:

Erin Pozzebon,

Marketing and Tourism Coordinator • at 905-834-1668 x. 505 or email at [erin.pozzebon@portcolborne.ca](mailto:erin.pozzebon@portcolborne.ca)



## Congratulations to Richard O'Neil of Port Colborne, the winner of the Spring 2012 Photography Competition.



## Summer Programs for Children at the Port Colborne Library

**Imagine! Summer at the Library. TD Summer Reading Club 2012** Registration begins Friday, June 29 for this year's summer reading club! Free for all children ages 3-13 with a valid Port Colborne Library card. Sign up, read books, win prizes! Thank you to our sponsors: TD Bank, Avondale, Harvey's, McDonald's, Eleven, Tim Horton's and Frank's Home Building Centre.

**Tot Time with Stacey Reading Club-themed stories, crafts, songs and games.** For ages 2 to 4 with a parent/caregiver. Thursdays, July 5, 19 & August 2, 16 & 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Cost: \$1.00 per class. Pre-register.

**Imagine Club with Stacey Reading Club-themed stories and crafts.** For ages 5 to 10. Thursdays, July 5, 19 & August 2, 16 & 2 - 3 p.m. Cost: \$2.00 per class. Pre-register.

**Imagination Creations with Stacey** Imaginative crafts for kids. For ages 6 & older. Tuesdays @ 1 - 2:30 p.m. July 10. Decorate a fairy house to plant in your garden! July 24: Paint a magic carpet wall hanging. August 7: Create a monster hunting kit. August 21: Design a personalized monogrammed clipboard. Cost: \$5.00 per class. Pre-register.

**Library B-I-N-G-O!** Come on out for your chance to shout BINGO, and win some fun prizes! For readers of all ages. Non-readers must be accompanied by a reading adult. Tuesdays, July 3, 17, 31 & August 28. Thursdays, July 12, 26 & August 9, 23. @ 1 - 2:30 p.m. FREE.

**Fortune Cookie with First Dog Off the Porch** Create a leather Fortune Cookie. For ages 5 & older Monday, July 16 @ 1 - 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00. Pre-register.

**Lucky Medicine Pouch with First Dog Off the Porch** Create a traditional leather good luck piece. For ages 8 & older. Tuesday, August 14 @ 1 - 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00. Pre-register.

**Painting at the Library** Paint a decorative summer garden stencil. For ages 6 & older. Wednesday, July 11 @ 10 - 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 1 @ 10 - 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$8.00 per class. Pre-register.

**Pew's Ker Stories** Read your favourite 10-minute story to a St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog. For readers up to age 13. Wednesdays, July 4, 11, 18, 25 & August 1, 8, 15, 22 @ 1 - 2 p.m. FREE. Pre-register.

**Alphabet Soup with Jessica** Book-themed songs, crafts & stories. For ages 2 ½ to 4 with a parent/caregiver. Wednesdays @ 9 - 10 a.m. July 4: The Very Hungry Caterpillar. July 18: Chicks Chicka Boom Boom. July 25: The Rainbow Fish. August 8: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie. August 15: Pirate Pete. August 22: The Paper Bag

Princess. August 29: There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly. Cost is \$4.00 per class. Pre-register.

**Story Time with Derek Miller** For children to age 6. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by a caregiver. Tuesdays & Thursdays, July 3 to August 28, @ 10 - 11 a.m. FREE.

**Sugar and Spice Cupcakes** Learn to mix icing colours, and personalize your own cupcakes. For ages 6 & older. Pirates: Monday, July 9 @ 1 - 2 p.m. Dragons: Monday, August 13 @ 1 - 2 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per class. Pre-register.

**Kids' Yoga with Nadia** Fridays: July 6, 13, 20, 27 & August 10, 24 For ages 4 to 8 @ 9 - 9:45 a.m. For ages 9 to 13 @ 10 - 11 a.m. Cost is \$4.00. Bring a towel, blanket or yoga mat. Pre-register.

**Family Yoga with Nadia** For parents and their children, ages 4 & older. Friday, July 6 @ 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 for 1 parent/1 child. Bring a towel, blanket or yoga mat. Pre-register.

**Dowsing Your Energy Field** Make a dowsing rod to locate your invisible energy. For ages 8 & older. Monday, July 23 @ 1 - 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$3.00. Pre-register.

**Blindhouse Construction Build and decorate your own birdhouse!** For ages 8 & older. Monday, July 30 @ 1 - 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00. Pre-register. Supplies provided by Frank's Home Building Centre.

**Artist Trading Cards for Kids** Learn to make, trade & collect your own cards (Make 3 cards) For ages 8 & older. Friday, August 17 @ 10 - 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$4.00. Pre-register.

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Wednesday, Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Summer Saturdays are back!

9 a.m. - 1 p.m., June 1st to September 30th.

## Engineering & Operations Update

### Annual Maintenance

The maintenance contracts for 2012 are underway throughout the City. The asphalt patch repair contract works are being done by Circle P. Paving Ltd. of Stevensville, Ontario. Circle P. Paving will be repairing sections of roadways throughout the City to maintain the quality and structure of the roads. The asphalt resurfacing contract will be done by Rankin Construction of St. Catharines, Ontario. Rankin will be in the City resurfacing roads in both the urban and rural areas. The sidewalk construction contract will be completed by CTC Contracting of Welland, Ontario. The sidewalk contract includes the replacement of sidewalks and curbs, eliminating many of the trip hazards around the City. New sidewalk will be placed on the East side of Queen Street from Main Street to Omer Avenue.

Anthony's Excavating from Wellandport, Ontario will once again be in the rural area under the ditching contract. This contract involves the cleaning and re-grading of ditch lines to maintain proper drainage. The Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and CCTV Inspections will be underway shortly throughout various parts of the City. The contractor carrying out the work is Bob Robinson Construction, of Port Robinson, Ontario. Each year, the City tenders for the hydraulic cleaning and television inspection of a portion of the sanitary sewer mains as a regular maintenance requirement for the system to determine the condition of the pipes and any blockages, breaks or infiltration that may be present.

### Current Projects

#### Extraneous Flow Reduction Program

In conjunction with the Regional Municipality of Niagara, the City of Port Colborne is committed to reducing unnecessary sewage treatment costs, the

potential for basement flooding, and combined sewer overflows, by reducing infiltration of storm water to the sanitary sewage collection and treatment system through its Extraneous Flow Reduction Program. An additional program was started in the Summer of 2011 which has been focused on determining the condition and capacity of the storm sewer system in the Omer Area. Sump pump disconnections from the sanitary sewer have started where grading and drainage allows. Additional sump pump disconnections will take place once the capacity and condition of the storm sewers is determined. We would like to thank all residents in the Omer Pumping Station Area who have participated in this project. In the spring of 2012 the City began a similar investigation program in the Nickel Street Pumping Station Catchment Area. To date approximately 70 inspections have taken place with more scheduled for the next few months. If you live in the Nickel Area have not yet booked an inspection, please call our inspection coordinator, Danielle Anders at 905-345-0990 x. 246. For more information, please visit the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca)

#### Water Distribution Infrastructure Needs Study

Staff has prepared Terms of Reference for the City's Water Distribution Infrastructure Needs Study (WDINS). At the February 27, 2012 Council meeting, Associated Engineering was approved as the consultant to complete the WDINS. The Engineering Division last revised the Infrastructure Needs Study for the Water Distribution System in 1996. Since then the City has completed the majority of the recommended capital upgrades and an updated WDINS needs to be completed in order to determine the capital upgrades required for the next 5-10 years.

Subsequently, a WDINS was budgeted for in the Financial Plan, and was budgeted to be completed every 5-6 years in the future. Undertaking an INS every 5-6 years will ensure that the most up-to-date information is available for the preparation of the Financial Plan (which has to be re-submitted with the license renewal every 5 years), and will result in more meaningful projections and expenditure forecasting.

A WDINS will take into account the age and materials in the distribution system and examine items such as historical watermain breaks, maintenance issues, water quality issues etc. and prioritize watermain replacements based on these and other factors. A WDINS will more clearly define the estimated replacement costs, hence why it is important to conduct a WDINS on a regular basis.

A Public Information session is scheduled to be held in September of 2012. For more information, please visit the City's website at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca) or contact our Project Manager, Danielle Anders at 905-345-0990 x. 246.

#### Storm Sewer Infrastructure Needs Study

Staff has prepared the Terms of Reference for the City's Storm Sewer Infrastructure Needs Study (SSINS). The City has prepared designs for three storm sewer systems for areas in need of improved drainage management.

The SSINS will update the Master Storm Drainage plan for the entire urban area and will also develop a solution for existing flooding issues. It will also review the use of storm retention ponds and other storm water management measures in undeveloped areas and review the use of existing storm retention ponds in existing developed areas to ensure the ponds are working as per the initial design.

The SSINS will also take into account the age and materials in the storm sewer system, examine items such as historical flooding, maintenance issues, discharge water quality, and prioritize storm sewer replacements and construction of new storm sewer systems based on these and other factors. The SSINS will more clearly define the estimated replacement costs, hence the need to conduct a SSINS on a regular basis. Completing the SSINS for the storm sewer system will aid the City in being proactive to determine the level of funding necessary to become "sustainable" and meet the requirements of the Water Opportunities Act, once it is passed by the Province.

#### Steele Street and Elgin Street Safety Study

Engineering Staff has prepared Terms of Reference for a Traffic and Pedestrian safety study at the intersection of Steele Street and Elgin Street. Staff has selected a successful consultant to undertake this study. There have been numerous requests for intersection improvements in the past few years. The study will review the warrants required for traffic signals along with any other safety improvements that can be made to allow vehicular and pedestrian traffic to flow in unison. A presentation of the findings from the study is expected to be presented to Council in September of 2012.

#### Road Side Bulk Water Filling Station

A report went to Council on July 17, 2011 recommending two suitable sites. The site chosen by Council allows the Bulk Water Station to remain on Elizabeth Street about 600 metres south of the existing location. Request for tenders were advertised and a report to Council recommending the award of the contract was presented to Council on November 28, 2011. Construction is currently underway with the commissioning of the new bulk water station expected to take place in the summer of 2012.

### THE STRATEGIC PLAN IS NOW A PART OF THE CITY'S LIVE WEBSITE!

Now anyone can open the Strategic Plan on the City's website. Under the heading "City Hall", click on "Strategic Plan" and be taken directly to the list of directives and initiatives approved by Council.

The list is live; that means that it is directly connected to the Strategic Plan Database so as changes are made, status updated, works completed, reports finished and filed, the data base is updated and those changes are immediately reflected on the website. Check it out at [www.portcolborne.ca](http://www.portcolborne.ca).

## 1. Protect yourself and your family.

Install smoke alarms - it's the law. The Ontario Fire Code requires that every home have working smoke alarms.



## 4. One smoke alarm is not enough.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and near sleeping areas. If you or your loved ones sleep with bedroom doors closed, install an alarm inside each bedroom.



## 7. Change your clock, change your battery.

Install a new battery of the proper type at least once a year. If the low battery warning beeps, replace the battery immediately. It's cheap and it could save your sleep and your life.



## 2. Smoke alarms save lives.

Most fatal fires occur at night when people are asleep. Often, victims never wake up. A working smoke alarm will detect smoke and sound an alarm to alert you, giving you precious time to escape.



## 5. Where to install smoke alarms.

Because smoke rises, you should place alarms on the ceiling. If you cannot do this, place them high up on a wall, according to manufacturer's instructions. There are certain locations to avoid, such as near bedrooms, heating appliances, windows, or close to ceiling fans.



## 8. Gently vacuum alarm every six months.

Dust can clog a smoke alarm, so carefully vacuum the inside of a battery-powered unit using the soft-bristle brush. If electrically connected, shut off the power and vacuum the outside only. Restore power and test when finished.



## 3. Buying the best alarm.

There are many types of smoke alarms, each with different features. Alarms can be electrically connected, battery-powered or a combination of both. This combination unit is a photo-ionization detector - it's the most highly recommended.



## 6. Test your smoke alarm regularly.

Every month, test your smoke alarm, using the alarm test button. Once a month test your alarm using smoke from a smokeless candle or incense. Follow your owner's manual.



## 9. Smoke alarms don't last forever.

Smoke alarms do wear out, so if you think your alarm is more than 10 years old, replace them with new ones. Why not replace them with long-life smoke alarms that will eliminate the need for annual battery replacement and the potential hazard of dead batteries for up to 10 years.



## FACTS ABOUT SMOKE ALARMS

### 10. Plan your escape.

Make sure everyone knows the location of the smoke alarms and what to do in fire emergencies. Practice fire drills regularly. Know how to get out of every room and have a pre-arranged meeting place for everyone to meet and call the fire department from a neighbour's home.



## Waste Removal

The Niagara Region continues to pick up 1 container of garbage per week from single-family homes. Garbage tags for containers exceeding the limit, are available, for only \$2 each, at all Aundale, Avon Mart and Dollar Mart stores in the Niagara Region.



Residents also receive large household item collection or a call-in. Call: **Environment** at 905-227-7771 or 1-855-227-7771 at least two working days prior to your regular garbage collection day to make arrangements.

## Illegal dumping of garbage



An increasing problem in our municipality is the flagrant dumping of garbage anywhere other than at an approved landfill location. In most cases, garbage is being dumped along our public roadsides. Public Nuisance By-law 52561/109 provides fines of \$300 plus surcharge, for any individual who unlawfully places materials on public or private property. The City's By-Law Enforcement Division uses a variety of investigative tools to trace offenders including a reward of \$300 for information leading to the successful prosecution of any individual responsible for illegal dumping. The City will continue to punish those found responsible to the fullest extent for this unconscionable act.



## Lawn Maintenance in our City

As we welcome the seasonal change in our weather the City would like to remind residents of the importance of property maintenance. Lawn care regulations are in effect year-round which require grass and weeds on all properties to be maintained below 8" (20cm) in height. Property owners in violation of this ordinance will be notified by the City and must cut their grass/weeds within 72 hours. Failing to comply will result in the City cutting the grass/weeds and all costs of such work being billed to the owner's tax account.



For a healthy lawn try "Grasscycling" a natural way of recycling your grass clippings and placing nutrients directly back on your grass with the use of a mulching lawnmower blade. This best practice will reduce the amount of materials entering our landfills and will reduce your household waste by as much as 20 to 25%.

## Please be aware of the following Parking Infraction:

Stopped on a Sidewalk – This is when a vehicle is stopped on or over a sidewalk. This means, one tire, the tail gate, or the bumpers are all violations. Please be considerate of others that need to use the sidewalk and do not stop on or over the sidewalk.

## Encroachments

Encroachments occur when objects or things are placed on, in or under municipal property including road allowances. Encroachments may be deliberate or inadvertent. Encroachments may be man-made or natural and include, but are not limited to:

Structural - Fences, gates, decks, buildings, pools, wells, septic systems, docks, retaining walls, parking lots and structures

Non-Structural - pool drainage, waste dumping, etc.

Vegetative - plantings, flowers, vegetable gardens, decorative landscaping, including shrubs, trees, bushes etc.

Encroachments are of concern because they may:

- Restrict or limit the use and enjoyment of municipal property which is for the benefit of all property owners, residents, tourists and visitors;
- Pose a safety hazard to the public and give rise to potential damage claims from resultant injuries;
- Damage the natural environment and undermine the City's stewardship role in protecting natural features;
- Deteriorate public lands with resultant damage to adjacent private lands;
- Result in ratepayers absorbing costs to restore degraded municipal property;
- Interfere with existing or future municipal infrastructure (drainage, water, sewer or highway improvements); and
- Interfere with other services such as gas, telephone, electrical distributors, cable television or electronic data transfer having been subject to proper location on municipal property through easements or other agreements.

Please ensure when placing objects or things out, make sure that they are on your own property, or obtain written approval from the City of Port Colborne. The fee for an encroachment request is \$300. Please contact the By-Law Enforcement Division at 905-835-2901 x. 210 for further information.

# BBQ SAFELY

When lighting your propane barbecue, open the lid and strike your match or lighter before turning on the gas.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for the safe use and maintenance of your barbecue.



## Environmental Initiatives



### Rebates for Low

### Flow Toilets are Back!

Due to numerous inquiries, your Environmental Advisory Committee has set aside \$5,000 of the 2012 Environmental Initiatives budget for low flow toilets. Port Colborne is currently offering rebates to residents of single family homes who purchase and install a Port Colborne approved water efficient toilet in their home. There is a limit of one toilet rebate per residence and the approved toilet must have been purchased after January 1, 2009. There are a limited number of rebates available each year. Rebates will be issued on a first come, first served basis. More information can be found on the City website listed under Popular Pages.

### Tree Planting Rebate Program

Visit our website to see how residents can receive up to a \$50 rebate under the Tree Planting Rebate Program, also listed under Popular Pages.



### Battery Recycling Program

The EAC has partnered with Raw Materials Co. Inc. to implement a battery recycling program in Port Colborne. Both single-use and rechargeable batteries can be dropped off free of charge at a series of sites across the City: City Hall, Roselawn Centre, Port Colborne Public Works and Westside Arena. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the program and divert batteries from local landfills.



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8:35 am	8:51 am	9:00 am	9:07 am	9:14 am	9:20 am	9:40 am
12:10 pm	12:26 pm	12:35 pm	12:42 pm	12:49 pm	12:55 pm	1:15 pm
1:20 pm	1:36 pm	1:45 pm	1:52 pm	1:59 pm	2:05 pm	2:25 pm
4:45 pm	5:01 pm	5:10 pm	5:17 pm	5:24 pm	5:30 pm	5:50 pm
5:55 pm	6:11 pm	6:20 pm	6:27 pm	6:34 pm	6:40 pm	7:00 pm

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MONDAY - FRIDAY							
AM	7:25	7:41	7:50	7:57	8:04	8:20	8:30
PM	12:10	12:26	12:35	12:42	12:49	12:55	1:15
PM	4:45	5:01	5:10	5:17	5:24	5:30	5:50

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PM	9:30	9:11	9:17
PM	10:00	10:11	10:17
PM	10:40	10:51	10:57
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If you have any questions, would like to donate or participate in fundraising efforts, have nautical equipment that can be utilized in the design and/or would like to be updated on the process of the project, please feel free to contact Gina Murdoch at 905-834-1668 x. 534 or [gina.murdoch@portcolborne.ca](mailto:gina.murdoch@portcolborne.ca)



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# WHO'S WHO?

## FISHING

### Lucas Dracz reels in big prize at 444 Walleye Tournament

EDDIE CHAU  
QMI Agency Niagara

There isn't a time when Lucas Dracz isn't fishing.

The Dunnville native said he has been fishing as long as he's been walking. With more than 20 years of fishing underneath his belt, Dracz has enough experience to reel in the biggest of fish.

And this past weekend in Port Colborne he certainly proved it.

Dracz, and his teammates, Brandon Krier, Justin Borowetz and Steve Hardcastle, placed second at the 21st annual 444 International Walleye Tournament which took place June 28-29 in Port Colborne.

Hosted by the Port Colborne and District Conservation Club, Dracz's team caught a

total weight of 67.41 pounds of fish over the three-day event, netting a \$5,000 prize in the process.

For Dracz, the tournament was both fun and competitive.

"You always look to catch the biggest fish," Dracz said. "We're just four people in a boat catching pickers. The biggest you catch gets you the prize."

It's the second year that Dracz has participated in the 444 tournament. The tournament saw 107 boats with competitors from all over the world fishing in Port Colborne.

The 444, which stands for four anglers, four pairs of rods and four biggest walleye, was held at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park. The first place team, Meals on Wheels, an American team captained by Gary

Marcinkowski, took home a \$10,000 prize.

Other prizes included \$1,000 for "cool under pressure" for the team with the largest jump in weight from day one to day two, \$1,000 for largest fish from Saturday and \$1,000 for the largest fish from Sunday.

Dracz said the tournament featured a Canadian and American rivalry. He said while it sucked that Americans reeled in more fish than the Canadians, it's always fun to get caught up in the spirit of competition.

"We'll get it next year for sure," Dracz said of winning the Can-Am Cup.

Not his first tournament and certainly not his last, Dracz vows to continue in the 444 tournament for many years to come.



PHOTO COURTESY FISHMASTER ULTIMATE CHARTERS

Dunnville native Lucas Dracz, far right, along with his teammates Brandon Krier, Justin Borowetz and Steve Hardcastle, hold up the walleye they caught during the 444 International Walleye Tournament this past weekend in Port Colborne. Dracz placed second overall in the competition.

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## ■ ART CRAWL



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo  
Jeff Ballin, left, Rosemary Poisson and Gail Todd, organizers of the Art Crawl with artist Putzy Madronich show off some of the art made by local youth at five different community organizations funded by the Trillium Foundation and the Royal Conservatory hung in Rossman's in downtown Port Colborne Saturday for the Art Crawl. For more on the Art Crawl see story on page 39.

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# Art Crawl promotes sights, sounds of downtown

VICTORIA GRAY  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - The sights and atmosphere of Port Colborne's downtown got a dash of colour and sound.

Artisans and artists displayed their art in shop windows, musicians played and families strolled, looked and

**“It’s a lovely summer evening. It’s a nice gentle festival, not an in-your-face, giant, crazy festival. It’s a very family-friendly stroll around town. It’s a great way to show off downtown.”**

Gail Todd

joined in the fun Saturday night at this year’s Art Crawl.

“We have so much talent

in Port Colborne and so many artists and, really, one of the few downtowns

in Niagara that actually works,” Gail Todd, owner of Something Else and one of the event’s co-ordinators, said.

“We have all kinds of services and stores, and it’s a wonderful place to be. It has really great energy and spirit.”

More than 50 stores took part in the night and many

local bands played on the streets and in shops. There was a drum circle in George St. Park.

Something Else had a six-foot canvas for families to sign. There was chalk art and wall art and so much more.

“It’s a lovely summer evening,” Todd said. “It’s a nice gentle festival, not an in-your-face, giant, crazy

festival. It’s a very family-friendly stroll around town. It’s a great way to show off downtown.”

Jeff Ballin, one of the event’s co-ordinators, said local businesses, artists and the community all benefit from Art Crawl and have a great time.

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■ **PHILANTHROPY:** Students raise funds for Ten Thousand Villages and collect non-perishable food for Port Cares

## McKay students helping others at home and abroad

ALLAN BENNER  
Tribune Staff

**PORT COLBORNE** — A child in a developing country will now have a education, thanks to students at McKay School.

After learning about programs offered by Ten Thousand Villages, the help people of developing countries, the 14 students from the school's Me to We Club pitched in to help.

As one of several initiatives the students have been involved in this school year, they've been selling popsicles to their classmates to raise funds for the organization's Living Gift program.

The students managed to sell enough of the frozen treats to raise about \$400 in profit — enough to pay for a year of education for a child in a developing country, with enough left over to help

fund additional work being done by Ten Thousand Villages, said grades 7/8 teacher Karen Bonisteel, who works with the students from the Me to We Club. "It's an accomplishment the Me to We Club members are proud of."

"It's important that other people around the world have education like us," said club member Lauren Horinga. While helping other children on the other side of the world, the McKay students have also been pitching in to help families in their hometown.

For instance, club members went door to door in costume collecting donations of non-perishable food for Port Cares. Their efforts continue this week.

The students are collecting food donations during the school's talent show being held on the last day of school, Thursday, starting at about 9:15 a.m.

Principal Rhonda Grenier called it one

last chance to get as much food as they possibly can, and she's expecting to collect quite a bit of non-perishable goods from people eager to see the talented youngsters perform.

"It's going to be amazing," she said.

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ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

McKay School's Me to We Club members, including, from left, students Hope Overholt, Lauren Horinga, MacKenzie Minor, Jessica Reil, Nadine Akershoek, teacher Karen Bonisteel, and students Paul Slipak, Trey Whitwell and Meagan Riecke.

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2. In the mean-time, mix together yellow bell pepper, scallions, peas, dried red kidney beans & Dates. Set aside.

3. Whisk together in a small bowl, lime juice, oil, Golden Brown Sugar, Allspice, Ceylon, Cumin & Salt to taste.

4. Add couscous to vegetable mixture, then pour dressing over it. Toss to mix well. Sprinkle with Cucumber & Peas before serving. Salad can be kept refrigerated for 1 to 2 days.

\*If you are preparing ahead if time, DO NOT add COCONUT & PEAS UNTIL READY TO SERVE.



1. Pinch of salt  
1/4 cup water  
1/4 cup apple juice  
1/4 cup Couscous
2. 1 small yellow bell pepper, remove seeds & chop into 1/2 inch size pieces  
3 minced scallions  
1 can drained, frozen peas  
1 can of dark red kidney beans, drained of liquid  
1/4 cup chopped Dates
3. 3 tbsp. lime juice  
1/2 cup olive oil  
1 tsp. Golden Brown Sugar  
1/2 tsp. Allspice  
1/2 tsp. Ceylon  
1/2 tsp. Cumin  
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